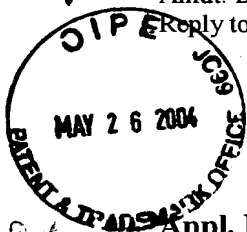


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By this amendment, twenty-two (22) claims remain pending in this application which include the multiple dependencies and also include four (4) independent claims. A check in the amount of \$122 is enclosed to cover the fee for two claims in excess of twenty and one independent claim in excess of three.

In response to the Office action of February 25, 2004, paper no. 6, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement abstract on page 16.

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